

CHURCH OF GOD *Evangel*



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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.



Executive Committee in Memphis

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Rev. Robert E. Fisher

WEST COAST

By Robert E. Fisher

Rev. Robert E. Fisher has been selected by the School Board to serve as vice-president of West Coast Bible College for the 1958-59 term. His years of successful service and his extensive training will enhance the important position which he has been asked to fill.

—Ralph E. Williams,
Overseer of California

The long-awaited-for fulfillment of a cherished dream will be realized come September 15, 1958. The West Coast Bible College will open its 1958-59 term in the beautiful new campus which has just been completed.

Students will be welcomed to spacious new dormitories, each housing thirty-two students and each having a newly furnished student lounge, large laundry room, modern rest room facilities, and compact supervisor's apartment. These dormitories have forced air heating and cooling to make students as comfortable as possible. Each room has two large closets with built-in drawers and ample storage space.

Classes will be held in the modern-designed classroom building. This beautiful unit consists of six large classrooms, a library, administrative offices, two rest rooms, and utility room. It is of lath and plaster construction with durable aluminum sash.

Eating should be more a pleasure than ever in the new cafeteria. The acoustical plaster ceiling and fresh green walls make this building functional as well as beautiful. The kitchen and scullery facilities have been designed to make the cooking and dishwashing as easy and enjoyable as possible. The cafeteria building also includes a nice apartment which will be used as cook's quarters.

These buildings just described are but the beginning of a school plant which will be second to none. All of the basic underground

work such as water and electrical facilities have been installed with an eye to the future. As God blesses and the college grows, the master plan calls for the construction of an administration building, auditorium, gymnasium, and additional classroom and dormitory buildings.

A few years ago the new campus was nothing more than a cherished dream in the minds of those pioneering people who labored in the cramped, inadequate quarters of a struggling school. It seemed the black spectre of defeat had finally caught and smothered the school when, in October of 1956, city officials condemned the dormitory buildings. But, as often happens, in that moment of darkest despair, faith arose and quickly surmounted the great obstacle. Through the unfailing efforts of the beloved state overseer of California, Rev. Ralph Williams, the plan for a new campus came into being. Enthusiasm began to rise and finally hit a joyous peak when General Headquarters approved \$75,000 to start construction.

The road was not by any means downhill for coasting after this. It took several pieces of property and two city commission hearings to convince the devil that a new campus was going to be built regardless of his efforts to hinder.

The people of California and the western states caught the vision of the new campus as Brother Paul L. Walker took the school choir from church to church. Souls were saved, thousands were inspired and

became enthusiastic, and several hundred dollars was raised for the campus as the students sang their way into the hearts of their listeners. Publication of the news in the state paper, school paper, and the *Evangel* spread the good tidings across the nation. Everywhere a spirit of optimism and enthusiasm prevailed.

In April of 1958 the actual construction began. The school board appointed Brother Charles Williamson to head the project. Brother Williamson is known throughout California for his sincerity and personal integrity as well as his fine workmanship construction-wise. Under his leadership the construction has moved along very rapidly, even ahead of schedule. Most commendable of all, however, is the fact that financially the project has stayed well within the budget.

When the new term opens everything will be ready to begin the greatest year in the school's history. Enrollment figures are expected to reach a new high and God's blessings are anticipated as never before.

The future of West Coast Bible College is extremely bright. There is no doubt that one day it will take its place as one of the great religious institutions of the nation. This will be achieved because Church of God officials, ministers, and laity one day had a vision and then took the step of faith to see that vision fulfilled.

BIBLE COLLEGE



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TRIBUTE

This great project now nearing completion will stand throughout the years as an eloquent tribute to the entire Church of God. The General Overseer and the Executive Committee, with wisdom, supervised every phase of its construction. The Supreme Council provided the major appropriation of funds. The California State Council and School Board, with vision, have contributed to its planning. These men with untiring efforts have spent long hours in board meetings delving into the technical intricacies of so large an undertaking.

The leadership of the school, Paul L. Walker, Principal and State Youth Director; Robert E. Fisher, Business Manager; with the faculty, have worked harmoniously and sacrificially in its development. The WCBC Choir, under the leadership of Brother Walker, has traveled throughout the West bringing inspiration and building good will.

To Rev. Charles H. Williamson, construction foreman of the entire project, all of us are deeply indebted. He has saved the church literally thousands of dollars with his ability and know-how in the purchase of materials. When you add to these services his untiring, round-the-clock supervision and direction of the working crews, his contribution becomes a major part which can never be forgotten.

The ministers of the West, along with laymen and friends, have also given vital support. To all who have in any way contributed to this effort, whether it was with finance, with donated labor, or with your good will, we express our sincere and grateful appreciation. Throughout the years to come, West Coast Bible College will be an eloquent tribute to the mighty moving force which is the great Church of God.

May God bless you all and the school forever.

—Ralph E. Williams
Overseer of California

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Please rush me all details concerning West Coast Bible College

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

In which division are you interested?

Bible College ☐

High School ☐

1. Picture of classroom building—180 feet long. Girls' dormitory in background.

2. Cafeteria building in foreground. This shows the three buildings nearer completion.

3. Boys' dormitory.

4. Placing the roof on the boys' dormitory.



reports

Christian Workers' Club



PELZER, S. C.—One of the first, if not the first, men's clubs organized in the Church of God is pictured above in its annual ladies' night meeting. This club was organized by our pastor to stimulate and inspire the men of our church to an active interest in the work of the church, to create a fellowship and closeness among the men that they may indeed be brothers, and to form a core or backbone for the promotion of each endeavor of the church. The Pioneers for Christ Committee is a very important part of this club.

Several names were considered for the club—The King's Men, Church of God Brotherhood, Men's Fellowship, and others. The men felt the name *Christian Workers'*

Club expressed the intention of the club better than any other. We organized the C.W.'s with 25 members.

It has proved so effective and inspiring that we felt it worthy of consideration as a national or general work for the men even as the Y.P.E. represents our youth and the L.W.W.B. our ladies. Certainly the C. W.'s would benefit any church.

In the center of the picture is our state overseer and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ramsey. Brother Ramsey was our guest speaker at this meeting. Standing and sitting next to the Ramseys is our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Day. Club officers are Charles A. Watt, president; Roy L. Cole, vice-president; Thompson

Durham, secretary; and William P. Davis, treasurer. Anyone desiring to know more about the functions of our club may write *Christian Workers' Club*, Box 235, Pelzer, South Carolina.

—Tom Durham, secretary

New Church Organized in Hot Springs

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—My family and I always look forward to the day the *Evangel* comes. We have started a new work here in the city of Hot Springs and as far as we know this is the first starting of a Church of God in this city. Since this is a resort city, I would like to invite anyone visiting here to come and be in our services. We started the work April 28 with a revival. Sister Nadyne Clouse was our evangelist and is also helping with the work. Brother and Sister Dennis, our state overseer and his wife, were with us one night and 2 young ladies were saved. Our church is located at 101 Tennessee, about 3 blocks off East Grand Avenue at Butterfield Street. We have lived in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for 2 years and 7 months. We attended the Church of God at Malvern, Arkansas, before we started this work.

We want everyone to pray for us and the work here; and if you have friends or loved ones living here, send us their addresses.

—Mrs. M. L. Gammill

God Blesses New Church

GREENROCK, Ill.—We of Greenrock, Illinois, have started to build a Church of God. This small town had no Church of God, but needed one. We prayed for God to send us a good pastor and our prayers were answered. God sent us a wonderful pastor filled with the power of God, Rev. James Cotter, from North Carolina. Our church was set in order May 4, 1958, with 16 members. We now have 28 members and average 61 in Sunday School. In June we had an old-time tent revival. God certainly did pour out His spirit upon us. We had 13 saved, 7 sanctified, and 9 filled with the Holy Ghost.

Our new church will be valued at \$25,000 when completed. We know it is God's will for us to have this new church.

We appreciate and love our pastor and his wife and thank God for sending them.

—Aner Bell Sullivan, reporter

"Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God"

Theme of 1958 Ohio State Convention

In the Clark County Memorial Auditorium (Springfield) attendance ranged from a nightly average of 720 to more than 1,200 on youth night. The 100-voice volunteer convention choir and the special youth night choir intensified the thrilling emotional response to the blessings of God.

The keynote speaker was the General Overseer of the Churches of God, Rev. Houston R. Morehead. Speaking on the topic, "Faith, the Victorious Principle of Life," he based his sermon on Habakkuk 2:4. He referred to the similarity of the condition of the times of the text to our times in that the people were also experiencing an economic recession; justice had failed; and there was a coldness in the house of the Lord when the international picture was dark. The speaker assured the 650 convention delegates who heard him that even though we may have a tendency to ask why God doesn't do something about the threats of our age, God is working, . . . "God is doing something about all this."

The convention's featured speaker was Rev. M. G. McLuhan, the supervisor of all of Central Africa for the Church of God. His Bible study lectures, his nightly sermons, and his marvelous vocal solos were excellently presented.

Special Convention Music

Among the featured singers, convention delegates worshiped Christ through the singing of the following groups: King's Kadets, a trumpet trio; Springfield Youth for Christ Trio; Franklin Trio; Ken Apple and the Singing Star Trio of Detroit; "Voice of Calvary" Radio Choir of Cincinnati; a summer volunteer group of the Springfield High School's 100-voice choir; M. G. McLuhan; H. Ray Branham; Fairmount Mixed Youth Chorus of Cincinnati—nearly 100 youthful voices of Ohio's young people who rang out with special arrangements of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic"; and others who sang of the blessed Lord.

Guest Speakers

The convention delegates thrilled at the discussion of the

Bible conducted by a former assistant general overseer, Rev. R. P. Johnson and a former Ohio overseer, Rev. J. L. Goins.

Rev. Cecil B. Knight, Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director, delivered a message in which he discussed his phase of the church's endeavors. He remarked that "... young people of our times are confused and mixed up and need the solutions to life's problems that Christ can give." Brother Knight also praised highly the accomplishments in Ohio in every phase of the Sunday School and youth departments.

Rev. E. M. Abbott, Indiana's State Sunday School and Youth Director, spoke on "What Your Teen-ager Expects of You—As a Pastor, As a Christian Youth Leader, and As a Parent."

We were pleased to have Rev. R. L. Platt, president of Lee College, as a guest speaker.

Ohio Speakers

"The Art of Soul-Winning" was discussed in six different phases by C. Milton Parsons, Robert F. Johnson, L. V. Carroll, James R. Winters, Ralph E. Day, and Carl H. Richardson.

Our orphanage program was discussed in the light of a provision by the Church of God of a home for children. H. C. Jenkins was the speaker who showed slides of the Sevierville home.

L. W. W. B. Program

A skit, written and directed by Mrs. Ruth Frey and entitled, "With God, All Things Are Possible," was an interesting highlight of this service.

Awards for the greatest amount of finances raised through this department went to the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band at the Hamilton (7th and Chestnut Streets) Church in a membership grouping of those churches with more than 100 members, and to Springfield for churches with a membership below 100.

Holiness ministers at the convention heard a sermon from a woman critic. Mrs. Gertrude Patrick of Cincinnati let go full blast with her opinions on how holiness ministers treat their wives in an "if-the-shoe-fits-wear-it" type

speech guaranteed to jolt the average minister—if not, indeed, the average husband.

"This may be the 'judgment day' for me," she said, "but for at least a few minutes I have the floor and this could be a sermon you men need to hear."

"I want you to answer four personal questions about your wife," said the outspoken lady evangelist to a distinguished gathering of Church of God ministers, their wives, and a host of lay-women from local Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands (A bus load of 50 from Hamilton came).

"First, how does she look? Has the glow in her eyes turned to pools of dishwater? If so, don't blame her. Most probably, 'thou art the man'—to quote an appropriate text.

"When did you last take her out to dinner to a place she needed to be dressed up? When, for no reason at all, have you handed her a gift-wrapped package containing that piece of foolishness she's been hinting about for three years?

"When have you sat down beside her and poured out a few paragraphs of the kind of taffy you wrote her from Lee College?

"Do you know what your Minnie Bell is doing? She is attending all the meetings of the church—an average of one every other day, not counting Sunday. She's teaching a Sunday School class. She's running a hotel—for breakfast, dinner, supper, over-night or over-week church guests—and there are no tips in her hotel for the maid-of-all-work. Your wife is filling the vacancy in the church kitchen when there are church suppers to cook. She's also filling in when there are shortages in the church choir, whether she can sing or not. She's rearing your children while you, with deadly preoccupation, guide the church, promote the association, and keep your indispensable hand on the denomination. She's the most public-spirited woman in the community so she's a member of the P.T.A., the L.W.W.B., United Appeal, or a number of other community endeavors.

"Brethren, you think you're a busy person, but compared to your

wife, you look like a slow motion picture."

After this message, thirteen or fourteen men came to the speaker and said they were "stirred up and ashamed" of themselves because they had been taking their wives for granted. Another minister said he "cried all the time of the speech" and he determined to go out then to wire flowers to his wife. Another called his wife via long distance telephone. Still another minister went out and bought his wife a dress and hat because he hadn't bought his wife anything for years.

Missions and Orphanage Gifts

Our mission message was delivered by M. G. McLuhan, of Rhodesia, Africa, who is on furlough.

Our mission contributions for this fiscal period are as follows:

One-half of District Church Convention allocation	\$ 2,025.00
Youth Convention allocation	3,250.00
Sixty per cent share of Ohio's goal receipts	11,074.38
Designated gifts via state office	1,747.36
Special gifts	650.57
State Convention floor offering	577.17
TOTAL FOREIGN MISSIONS GIFTS	\$19,324.48

Our orphanage contributions for this fiscal period beyond the regular Sunday School march and birthday offerings were as follows:

District Church Convention allocation	\$ 900.00
Youth Convention allocation	125.00
Five per cent share of Ohio's goal receipts	1,068.48
Sale of coupons	144.10
State Convention floor offering	33.50
TOTAL ORPHANAGE GIFTS	\$2,271.08

Youth Day Brings Largest Crowd

As in past years, the annual youth day attractions drew the greatest crowd of the convention. The day started off at eight o'clock with a youth breakfast at the Hotel Shawnee followed by an elimination run-off in the Teen-age Bible Quiz in the Club Room there. The press photographer and news writer were there to record the story.

The National Y.P.E. theme song was sung by the Saturday afternoon crowd.

The 500 who marched in the annual youth march behind banners from their various churches heard the national anthem sung so forcefully by M. G. McLuhan. These young people marched to the tune of the convention theme song, "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God."

"I Challenge You" plaque awards were made to one-half of the churches. It was assurance that these winners had made greater accomplishments in the Sunday School and youth areas of their work than had their "challenger" church, a church of similar size and potential.

Topping all the churches for the second straight year in Sunday School and Y.P.E. accomplishments was the Columbus (Belvidere Ave.) Church with A. W. Ellington as pastor. They barely nosed out the Fairborn group, with a lead of 7 points.

Carol Sunderman, of Findlay, won top honors in the Teen-age Bible Quiz among 14 contestants

from different districts. She was awarded a lovely trophy and a red leather Bible. Her church at Findlay was awarded a matching trophy cup.

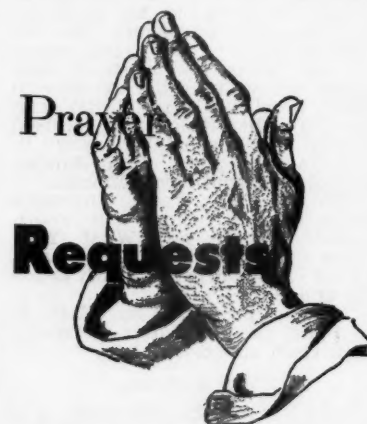
Farewell

"God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

Although it was time to offer our "good-byes" to the various delegates, we were pleased to have been together for the several days.

Grateful acknowledgement for a well-arranged program goes to our wonderful state overseer, D. C. Boatwright. The fine accomplishments made in Ohio under his supervision make us all happy.

—Ralph E. Day and H. A. Norman



Pray for my husband to be saved.

—V. Bullock
Kings Mountain, N. C.

Pray for a very special unspoken request.

—A brother in Christ

Pray that the Lord will give me faith that I may be healed and I can receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray that the Lord will save my husband and children and save and heal my daughter-in-law.

—A sister in Jesus

Pray that the Lord will heal my brother in the Grady Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. At the age of 4, he fell three stories and injured his spine.

—James Thompson

Pray for my daughter to be healed of cancer.

—Mrs. H. F. McManus
Smithdale, Miss.

Pray for a special unspoken request.

—A child of God

Pray for my daughter who is in the hospital and my other children to be saved.

—Mrs. Steve Bailey
Greenville, Miss.

Pray for a growth on my neck, for I know the Lord can heal.

—Rev. E. H. Long
Dayton, Tenn.

Pray for a very special unspoken request.

—Mrs. Lizzie Carter
Nettleton, Ark.

Pray for the healing of my body.

—Mrs. Una Vee Lawless
Jefferson City, Tenn.

Pray for my daughter.

—Sister Gentry
Cornelia, Ga.

Pray for my mother who underwent a serious operation and has a bad heart.

—A Christian friend

Pray for me as I am in bad condition and am looking to Jesus for my healing.

—J. Mae Coleman
Sarasota, Florida

Pray that the Lord will heal my son of epilepsy.

—George Runddes
Pennington Gap, Virginia

Pray for my son, who will be out of the Air Force in August, that the Lord will help him in the new work that he feels that the Lord wants him to do.

—Mrs. Clarissa Sumrall
Jackson, Miss.

Pray that God will give me victory so I can serve Him like other folks. I am an invalid.

—A Brother in Christ.

Pray that the Lord will heal my body, save and heal my half-sister, and fill my son with the Holy Ghost. Also pray that my wife will be brought back to the Lord.

—C. D. Drennon
Benton, Ark.



testimonies

Exhortation to Draw Nigh to God

WILSON, Ark.—Greetings to our wonderful Church of God *Evangel*, which I have known for 37 years. It is so wonderful to know Jesus in the beauty of holiness. He has been so real to me for these 30 some years and I could never tell of all the blessings. In these last days, when we need to hold on to God as we never have before, so many are falling by the wayside. Even some of our dear ministers are leaving off most of our church teachings, saying they will soon strike them out of our *Minutes*.

Our young people can do anything, go to all the worldly things, and it is all right. Even some of our older leaders have led them to think it is all right. My heart has been made to bleed as I see the world coming into our churches. Oh! how we need to lift the standards and live close to Him each day that we may be ready for His soon coming. Yes, I've heard that old story all my life, but to me it is more real each day. Dear young people, it isn't hard to live up to the teachings if we live close enough to Him. Praise His dear name! "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you." Isn't that a wonderful promise? He is to us just what we let Him be.

Parents, we must get our children started out on the right path. Our youth is a great part of our church today and will be our church of tomorrow. So it is up to us what kind of church we have in these last days. Let us live it the Bible way, for in the hour we think not the Son of man cometh.

I need prayer for my body and also pray for our church at Forrest City, Arkansas.

—Mrs. Claude Lualien

Healed of Cancer

RICHMOND, Ind.—I would like to praise God for healing me of cancer. I had a hemorrhage last summer but didn't think too much about it until in the fall. I began to have gas on my stomach, so I went to the doctor and he said that I had a tumor. They operated at

once and the doctors said that the tumor was as big as a basketball. That was last November, and I seemed to get along fine. About a month later, I had another hemorrhage and the doctors said they found cancer and there was no cure, but, praise God, He has healed me. I will be 75 years old in December, so age makes no difference with God. I have been a child of God for 65 years and can say that God is a very present help in every trial.

—Mrs. Mattie Claspell

God Heals Severe Burn

ELFERS, Fla.—About five weeks ago, my husband, who is an electric welder, was badly burned. He was wet with perspiration when he struck an arc, and it used him as a ground. He had a deep third degree burn on his neck. When it struck him, it knocked him out and he fell on the welding iron. Thanks be to the Lord it is just about well.

Pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost and that I will get closer to the Lord. I want to be a blessing for Him.

—Mrs. Elmer Clark

God Heals Again and Again

SWAINSBORO, Ga.—I praise the Lord first for reaching down in April, 1938, and speaking sweet peace to my troubled soul. He has been so wonderful to me ever since that time. I began then to try with all my heart, my soul, and my strength to serve Him in the beautiful way of holiness. I want to praise Him for His wonderful healing power. He healed me in 1939 when doctors said that I had to have an operation. Praise His name! Later in 1941 He healed me when I couldn't walk. A few years later I had what the doctors called a tumor on my left eye and they told me to go to a specialist to have it removed. I took it to Jesus and told Him if He would heal me I would send a testimony to the *Evangel*. He healed me and I did send a testimony. I praise Him for so many things I don't have

space to tell of all His healings.

About 3 or 4 months ago, my right eye began to hurt me and a growth came on it just like the one I had on my left eye. I had my pastor, Rev. J. P. Delk, to anoint me and pray. I promised the Lord if He would heal me that I would write my testimony so that it might be a blessing to someone else. My it is so wonderful to feel the mighty healing power of God. I could just keep telling of the many things He has done for me but space will not permit. I praise Him for the sweet Holy Ghost that has been such a comfort since I lost my dear husband 2 years ago. I want to serve Him more and be faithful till He says, "it's enough."

Pray that I will be a blessing to all I come in contact with.

—Mrs. Olin Howard

Thank God for Faith

I had to go to North Alabama for a special purpose, so I promised God if He would make a way for me to go, I would testify to His great help by writing to the *Evangel*. I thank Him for the many blessings He has given me and for my faith.

—B. D., A brother in Christ

God Can Do What Doctors Can't Do

SARASOTA, Fla.—For some time I have been led to sound a note of praise to our wonderful Saviour for His healing power. I was in a serious condition with kidney trouble a few years ago and God healed me of this trouble after all had been done that human hands could do. I put my trust in Jesus and, praise His wonderful name, He did for me what the doctors couldn't do. I have been preaching since 1932 and am still in the work of God.

May the Lord's blessings be upon His people everywhere.

—J. Mae Coleman

No More Trouble Since God Healed

MENTONE, Ala.—I would like to praise my dear Lord for what He has done for me. I had been suffering off and on for four or five years with my stomach and back. It seemed that my suffering grew so much worse that I was so despondent and blue. I felt that if God didn't come to my rescue I couldn't go on like that very long. I knew God could heal me if I could only have faith. So one night I told my husband about how I was

suffering. He got up and we both prayed. Thank the Lord, through the prayers of several others who had been praying for me and our prayers that night, God healed me. My back and stomach haven't hurt me any more. I thank the Lord for His great healing power. The Lord has healed in my home so many times. I will never be able to praise Him enough. When my children get sick, they call for prayer. I do want to trust the Lord at all times for their healing.

My oldest little boy has some kind of trouble that keeps him from breathing as he should, and I humbly ask all who read this to please help me pray for him to be healed. Pray also for another request for healing.

May God richly bless everyone.

—Mrs. M. F. Robinson

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God Always Answers Prayer

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C.—I want to send my testimony to praise my blessed Saviour for His many blessings to me. He has always answered my prayers and supplied all my needs. I want to thank Him for His healing power. The Lord means more to me than I can ever tell. Help me pray that God will save my family and give us a home of prayer in the beauty of holiness.

—V. Bullock

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Thank God for Healing Power

PINE HILL, Ala.—I had a mole that was so inflamed that it had turned blue. The devil tried to tell me that it was cancer. I rebuked the thought in the name of Jesus. I asked for prayer at prayer meeting, and by Saturday morning the mole was gone. I thank God for what He has done for me. I give God the praise, for no one can heal but God. He is the one for us all to look to for healing power. Bless His name.

—Mrs. A. M. Miller

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God Did a Perfect Job

WEST POINT, Miss.—On February 16, 1957, my little boy was playing with the neighbor's children across the street when I heard him crying. I rushed to the door, and he was coming home with both eyes closed. When I caught him in my arms, he said another child had struck him in the eye with a stick. His eye looked as if it was a ground meat ball stuck in his eye socket. I cried and prayed. We took Andy to the doctor. He said he couldn't do any-

thing for him but recommended an eye specialist in Oxford, Mississippi. Before we left, I asked my mother to request prayer for him at church. It seemed as though we would never make it to Oxford, only 90 miles away. The doctor in West Point had called the one in Oxford and he was waiting for us. He examined Andy and said that Andy could lose both eyes and that there was little hope that he could save either. I went out crying and still praying.

On the way to Oxford I prayed and we stopped at a service station. I went to the rest room and prayed on my knees begging the Lord and promising Him I would give this testimony if He would let Andy keep his eyesight. He was always afraid of the dark. As they prepared him for an operation, he clung to me, but the nurse carried him out. He was only 3 years old.

My husband was not saved and I was doing all the praying, it seemed, but down deep I believed he was praying too. One of the nurses, bless her, called her pastor, who came to the hospital and prayed with us. I felt some better. I had cried so much my head was aching. Only God knows how a mother can feel at a time like this.

Finally they brought Andy back into his room. The doctor came and left before I could ask about Andy. I asked the nurse but she didn't know, or if she did she would not tell us, how Andy was going to be. I don't have to tell you what kind of night that was. I kept praying. The next morning, Andy woke up but couldn't open his eye. I prayed again and again. I dressed in one of my sister-in-law's dresses. I was talking to Andy while I was combing my hair and had my back to him. All at once he said, "Mama, where did you get that dress." He knew it wasn't mine. I turned around and he had his eye (the one that wasn't injured) open and, thank God, he could see out of that one. I saw the doctor out in the hall and asked him to come to the room. He came and said that Andy's uninjured eye would be saved, but he still gave us no hope for the injured eye.

Andy was dismissed from the hospital on Monday. I cried and prayed 2 days and nights. The nights were worse for me when I would tuck him in bed. He wore the patch on his eye 3 weeks.

The doctor told us it would take 3 months for it to heal enough for him to tell anything about it. We carried him back every week for a month. Then the doctor said to wait 2 weeks. He then told us that Andy's eye was healed. We didn't have to take him back for a year. During this year of waiting, I would test his eye to see how strong it was, and he would frown

at times. Then he began to not even notice. We took him back to the doctor last March. The doctor tested and re-tested Andy's eye. He said Andy's eye was almost perfect, the injured eye was even better than the other.

God has done a perfect job, as He always does. This is just one of the blessings from God. There have been many, many more, and I know God will continue to bless.

—Mrs. Spurgeon A. Cliett, Jr.

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God Still Real After 41 Years

LAVONIA, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord for His many blessings to me. He has been so good to me and my family. He has heard and answered our prayers so many times and has helped me to stand for 41 years on divine healing.

Last October, I became ill with a hurting and drawing in my neck. I was in bad shape and thought maybe it was my time to go. The Lord saw fit to leave me here a little longer. He healed me and I praise Him for it because He is as real to me today as He was 41 years ago.

Please pray that I will hold out till the end.

—Mrs. J. C. Mauldin

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"Evangel" Increases Faith

COCOA, Fla.—I have suffered with a lame finger which has worried me for some time. Satan tried to, and did many times, weaken my faith in God. Today as I was reading the July *Evangel*, I caught faith in God for the healing of my hand, and truly the power of God moved on me. I knew at that instance God had delivered me.

I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and have a mind to follow Jesus. Pray much for me and for my husband, who is unsaved, that God may touch his heart.

—Mrs. Ada M. Dennis

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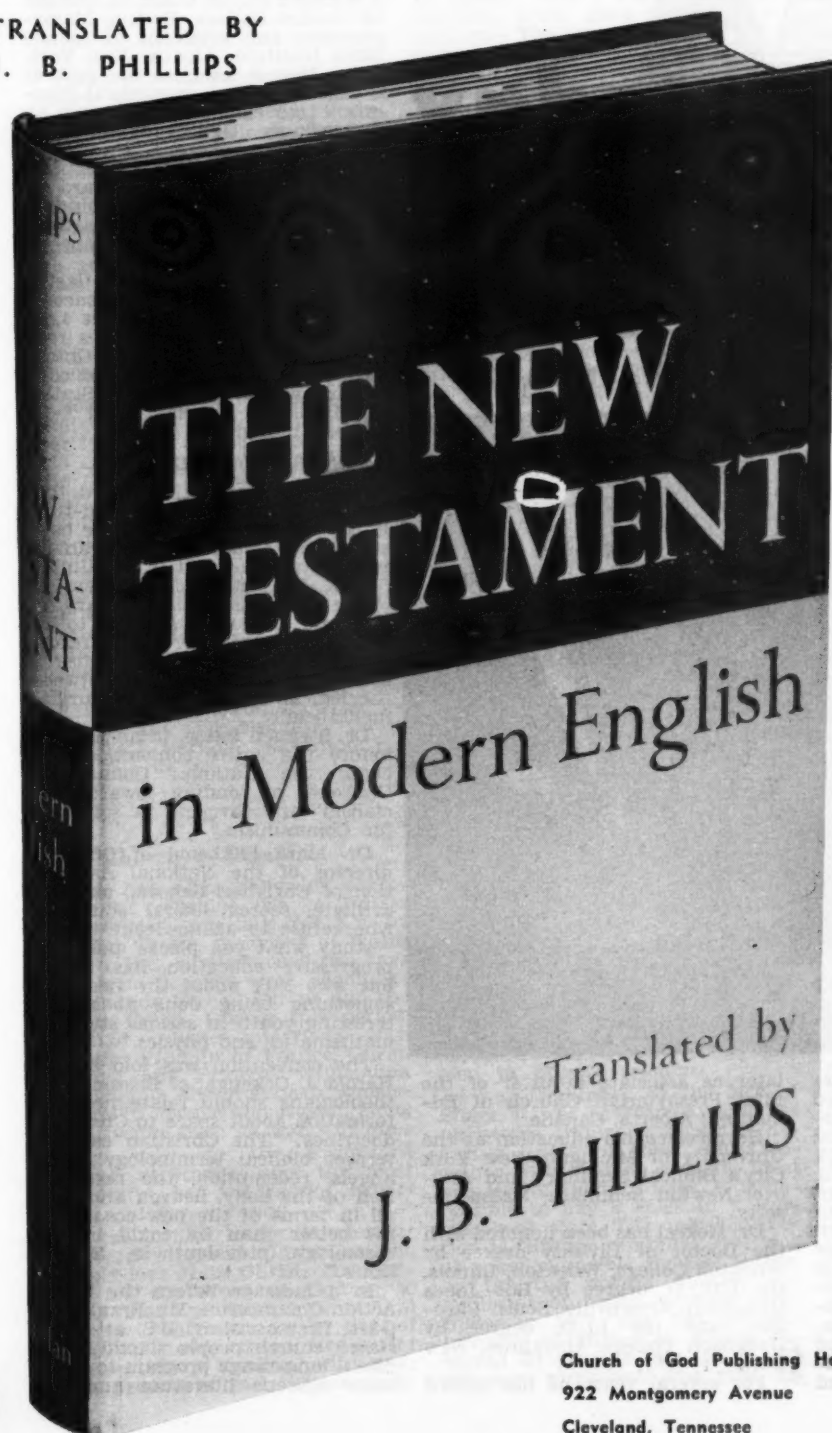
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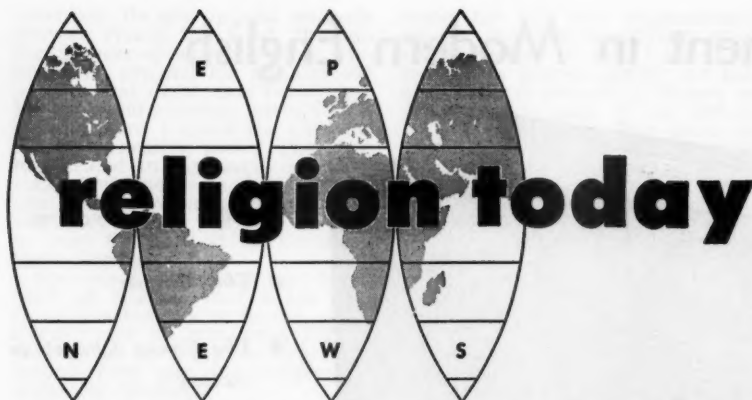
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N.A.E. Convention Elects Herbert Mekeel President



Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel of Schenectady, New York, was elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals at its annual convention in Chicago, April 14-18. He succeeds Dr. Paul P. Petticord, who held the post for two years.

Dr. Mekeel has served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady since 1937. Prior to this he was interim minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, Canada. He has been instructor in history at the University of Michigan, minister of the First United Church, Swampscott, Massachusetts, and served as assistant and

later as associate minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

He received his education at the University of Michigan, New York City's Biblical Seminary and Andover-Newton Seminary, Massachusetts.

Dr. Mekeel has been honored with the Doctor of Divinity degree by Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, the Litt. D. degree by Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, and the LL.D. degree by Houghton College, Houghton, New York.

For several years he has served

as member of the board of administration of the National Association of Evangelicals and as first vice-president for two years. He is a member of the board of trustees of Gordon College, Boston, Massachusetts, and president of Albany Bible Institute, Albany, New York.

Dr. Mekeel assumes his post at a time when the evangelical Protestant movement is becoming an increasingly significant religious force in the country. Under his leadership the association expects to take rapid strides forward in accomplishing its task of binding together Bible-believing Christians for the promotion of the gospel of Christ.

The convention, which lasted four days, was hailed as a success by association leaders. About 1,000 churchmen and lay delegates registered for the meeting in Chicago's Hotel Sherman. The 1959 convention will be held at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles, April 6-10, it was announced.

CONVENTION BRIEFS:

President Paul P. Petticord told the convention that the "old-time religion" characterized by the conservative message of Billy Graham, is stronger than ever in the United States. Dr. Petticord, president of Western Evangelical Seminary of Portland, Oregon, in addition to his NAE post, said there is a resurgence of evangelical faith after a half century of conflict between theological liberalism and fundamentalism.

Dr. Stephen Paine, in an address before the entire convention, accused the National Council of Churches of tending toward "socialism" and carrying "a soft spot for Communism."

Dr. Mark Fakkema of Chicago, director of the National Association of Christian Schools, an NAE affiliate, scored liberal educators who refuse to acknowledge that a "study what you please" policy of progressive education has failed, but who talk about the need for something being done about interesting youth in serious study of mathematics and physics."

The convention was told by Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, of Boston, that theologians should relate new information about space to Christian doctrines: "The Christian can interpret biblical terminology about angels, redemption, the resurrection of the body, heaven and hell, all in terms of the new cosmology far better than he could in the cosmology prevalent in Bible times."

In a message before the Social Action Commission, Mr. Frank McGarr, first assistant U.S. attorney, stated church people should organize a long-range program to eliminate obscene literature and the

action should start on the local level. Donald Gill, assistant secretary of public affairs for the N.A.E. in Washington, D.C., told delegates that American Christians needed a "new kind of conscience" if the battle against filth and obscenity is to succeed."

Evangelical churches were challenged to reach the populace of Suburbia through providing ministers, funds and church members as a nucleus of new suburban churches.

The National Religious Broadcasters, an NAE affiliate, elected Dr. James DeForest Murch of Cincinnati as chairman of a committee authorized to establish a national office in Washington, D.C.

Catholics Report Member Gains

Roman Catholics in the United States and its territories now number 36,023,977, an increase of 1,460,126 in the past year, according to the *Official Catholic Directory for 1958*, published last week by J. P. Kenedy & Sons, New York. The total marks a new high in Catholic Church membership. New highs are also reported in the number of priests, and the membership of the hierarchy, as well as the number of Catholic schools.

There are now 50,813 ordained priests in the United States, and membership in the hierarchy now totals 225 (four cardinals, 31 archbishops and 190 bishops). There are 13,557 Catholic education institutions in the country.

The Church in Russia

(Ed. Note—The following evaluation of religious life in Russia was written especially for E.P. by Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., who returned two days ago from a seven-week speaking-observation tour of Europe and the Soviet Union. During this period, he had private interviews with Premier Pflimlin of France, Queen Juliana and Princess Wilhelmina of Holland, the American ambassadors in France and Russia, along with people from all walks of life.)

My visits to the Protestant church of Russia were the most wonderful, but *frightening*, experiences of my ministry.

I was thrilled to see the churches overflowing with Christians who deeply love Jesus Christ. The hunger for the Word of God is so great that the Baptist Church in Moscow (only one in a city of 5,000,000) holds three two-hour services every Sunday, with over 2,000 present at each. Three week-

night services also are jammed.

I wept for joy as I looked into the glowing faces of Christians in Kiev and heard them sing "Revive Us Again." How I wished that all America could have stood there with me! The same spirit was evident in Kharkov and Leningrad.

Wonderful news came from Dr. Jacob Zhidkov, president of all Soviet Union Baptist Communities. He told me there were more than 5,400 Baptist churches in Russia, with a baptized membership of 530,000 persons. He said the churches baptized approximately 15,000 new members each year.

The apparent religious freedom was marvelous. But *frightening answers* came when I asked questions and probed beneath the surface.

The Kremlin, as an outward show, does grant freedom of worship now. But the Communist rulers have in progress an ingenious, diabolical plan that is killing the Christian Church at its roots.

The Church must not baptize any person under the age of 18. There are no Sunday Schools. Education is compulsory. From the age of 7, every boy and girl in school is pressured to join the Communist-sponsored Young Octobrists and then the Young Pioneers. They are given special privileges and wear colorful neckerchiefs as identification. What child would have the courage not to join? But a child of Christian parents *cannot* belong to these organizations unless he renounces the faith of his fathers and swears allegiance to the glorious Communist Party. Lenin said to give him the formative years of a child and his future as a Communist was assured.

This is why the vast majority of Protestant churches in Russia are filled with persons of middle-age and beyond.

I was frightened to discover that the Protestant Church does not have one seminary. *The last one closed in 1930.* The Kremlin says the Church is free to have a seminary but, unfortunately, a building isn't available. Some aging pastors do their best to train young men in private sessions.

I was frightened by the lack of Bibles. It was heartbreaking to see Christians trying to keep the decaying leaves of their Bibles together with strings, carrying what was left of them in bags. It is impossible to buy a Bible in a Russian book store. The only distribution is through churches. But look at these incredible figures: Russia, by far the world's number one publisher of books, printed 10,000 Bibles in 1957. The last previous printing of Bibles in Russia occurred 30 years before, when 10,000 were published. The year be-

fore that, in 1926, 25,000 were printed. What a shocking realization—only 45,000 Bibles in over 30 years by a nation almost three times the size of the United States.

The Communist plan is clever. And it is working. The Church in Russia could be destroyed in another generation. But I don't believe this will happen. The Kremlin masters reckon without Almighty God. He is still in control. He can destroy the best of man-made plans.

God answers prayer. The inspiring Protestants of Russia desperately need the prayers of every American Christian as they struggle for survival.—Dr. Bob Pierce

Catholics and the White House

WASHINGTON — "Religion and the Presidency" was the theme, Catholics and the White House the point of issue, as three religious leaders and a Congressman locked minds on "The Big Issue," NBC television program.

Upholding the affirmative side of the question as to whether or not a Catholic could be a loyal member of his religion and still function as a true president were the Rev. Francis Sayre, Jr., dean of the Washington Cathedral (Episcopal) and Congressman Eugene McCarthy (Dem., Minn.).

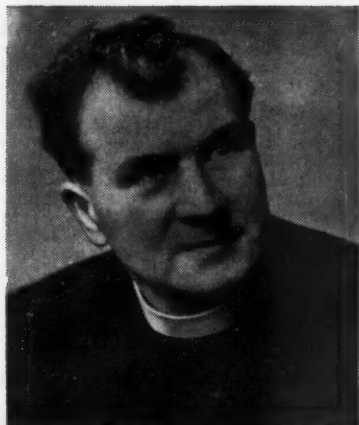
On the negative stood Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary; and Dr. Glenn Archer, executive director of POAU (Protestants and Other American United for Separation of Church and State).

Dean Sayre: To say that Catholics bear political allegiance to the Pope is to do "an injustice to my Roman Catholic brothers. . . . The allegiance given by Roman Catholics is not to a foreign power but to the Lord, and in that they are no different from Protestants."

Congressman McCarthy: "(I have) never experienced a conflict between Catholicism as such and American Democracy."

Dr. Mackay: Catholicism is a state as well as a religion. Since the 1930's there has been a "very decided effort on the part of the Roman Church to influence (society through such means as) the dread prospect of boycott."

Dr. Archer: While it is conceivable that a Catholic could also be a loyal president, there would be "more pressures" on a Catholic head of state than on a Protestant or Jew. He urged that any Catholic presidential hopeful be called upon to state his position on such issues as tax money for private schools, an Ambassador to the Vatican and public school education.



Rev. Percy F. Brewster

TORONTO, Ont.—Rev. Percy S. Brewster, of Cardiff, Wales, who is known as one of Britain's most unique "evangelistic pastors," will be the preacher at the first Sunday night evangelistic rally of the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches in Toronto, Sunday, September 14.

The London-born and London-educated minister has served the City Temple, Cardiff, as pastor since 1933, along with his many outside evangelistic activities and administrative responsibilities. The 1100-seat Cardiff church continues to enjoy capacity audiences the year around despite the generally low church attendance in Britain, especially at the evening services.

Mr. Brewster is a regular speaker on the religious broadcasts of the British Broadcasting Corporation, and a frequent speaker at the Easter rallies in Royal Albert Hall, which attract audiences of 8,000.

Pastor Brewster has held evangelistic crusades throughout the principal cities of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, filling the largest public halls. As the direct result of these campaigns more than 40 permanent local

churches have been established. In addition to evangelistic work in Britain he has conducted preaching missions in Scandinavia, Palestine, the U.S.A., the West Indies and Cuba.

His gifts as an executive and administrator, as well as a pastor and evangelist, have been recognized by his being elected president of his denomination, the Elim Foursquare Alliance, a prominent section of the Pentecostal Movement in Great Britain.

Other British speakers announced to speak during the World Conference are Mr. Donald Gee, Editor of *Pentecost* and principal of Kenley Bible College, Kenley, England, who will speak on "The Pentecostal Experience"; Mr. Alfred Webb, Assemblies of God pastor, Dagenham, England, whose topic will be "Personal Evangelism"; and Rev. Douglas S. Quay, representative of IBRA radio and a frequent speaker on the BBC who will speak on "Radio Evangelism."

Inquiries for reduced rail fares and reservations should be addressed to the local conference secretary, Rev. James Montgomery, 50 Euston Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada.



Rev. Harry V. Liddle

TORONTO, Ont.—A distinguished Eurasian scholar and educator, Rev. Harry Victor Liddle, principal of Doon Bible College, Dehra Dun, North India, will moderate a panel at the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, which will meet on the Canadian National Exhibition Park grounds in Toronto, on Friday, September 19 next, when the significance of "The Indigenous Church" will be discussed in the light of the present-day national consciousness in the younger nations enjoying self-determination.

The grandson of a high caste Hindu, who was converted to Christ in 1856 and who became one of the first Indian pastors in northern India, Mr. Liddle, though still a young man, has had a remarkable career since his personal experience of the "new birth" in 1939 when he was a college student. Continuing his academic career, he immediately launched into active Christian service. He received the "Pentecostal baptism" in 1941.

In 1952 he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Semapore College, West Bengal, and in 1956 the Master of Theology degree from the same university. The National Council of India nominated him for postgraduate work in Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he received the Master of Arts in Social Science degree in 1953. He pursued postgraduate

studies in the International Graduate School of the University of Stockholm, Sweden, in 1955-56.

At the same time he was furthering his own academic achievements, he founded the Doon Bible College in 1943 for the training of Indian ministers. The graduates of this school are serving largely in the unevangelized areas of north and northwestern India in the Himalayan area, founding churches that are entirely indigenous, emphasizing the Pentecostal doctrines and practices of the primitive New Testament Christian Church.

In 1955 Mr. Liddle was a delegate to the Fourth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches in Stockholm, Sweden, and a member of the presidium of that conference. Since 1957 he has served as secretary of the Pentecostal Fellowship of India, as well as pastor of Masihi Mandli (the Hindu name of the Indian Pentecostal Church), Dehra Dun, India.

Other nationals from Asian countries will be attending the world conclave in Toronto, which will be attended by delegates from more than 30 countries.

Information on reduced fares and reservations should be addressed to Rev. James Montgomery, Local Conference Secretary, 50 Euston Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario.

family devotions

By MRS. RUTH STARNES, Greenwood, South Carolina

A BIBLE FAITH

Memory Verse: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

Monday, September 8

Christianity is a Bible religion. Our beliefs about God, His purpose for the world, the future destiny of man, are derived from the Bible. The Bible contains the revelation of the living God. It has a word of comfort for the time of calamity and a word of light for the time of darkness. Truth is enshrined in the Word of God. Our faith is assured by studying the Bible and heeding its precepts. A great man once said, "When I feel I cannot make headway in devotion, I open at the Psalms, and push on in my canoe. I let myself be carried along in the stream of devotion which flows through the whole Book." The Word of God is a tremendous factor in influencing the morals of any nation.

Pray for a greater faith in God.

Tuesday, September 9

Scripture, James 1:5, 6

Faith is essential in prayer and should be united with love. Many a cultured believer who went to war made the discovery that all that really counted when he was up against the fact of life and death could be put in the simplest language—that God is our Father and faith in Him assures man that death is not the end. Jesus inspires faith by what He does. Little faith will grow strong through use. On the other hand strong faith will die to disloyalty. Inasmuch as faith is the condition of all life, and the condition of entrance into that life, it behooves us to give it all the nourishment possible.

Pray that we may walk worthy of our vocation.

Wednesday, September 10

Scripture, James 2:20

Faith without works is dead. Abraham was justified by works when he offered up Isaac. Abraham believed God even when he couldn't see the answer to his prayer. Looking at God's promises he staggered not. Unbelief looks at

obstacles, hindrances, failings, and disappointments. Faith looks at the promise and the Promiser. We often suppose faith is made strong by some great answer to prayer or some other miracle in our lives, but in reality these things do not strengthen us at all. Faith is nourished by the promises of God.

Pray for faith to be strengthened in tempted ones.

Thursday, September 11

Scripture, Genesis 45:5

Joseph had every reason to refuse his brothers in their time of need, but through faith he saw the hand of God in his life. Even though dark shadows may hover over us at times, God is still mindful of His people. Remember, if your path seems thorny, Jesus had a much harder one when He went to Calvary. Jesus' sacrifice was a terrible thing looking at the natural side, yet what great things it has accomplished for us spiritually! Jesus is our High Priest and He can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He is able to succor those who are tempted.

Pray for a forgiving heart and a greater trust in God.

Friday, September 12

Scripture, Acts 6:8

Stephen was a man full of the Holy Ghost. It is only as we stay filled with the Spirit of God that we will be able to overcome the trials of life. The devil is a defeated foe, but he will come again and again to tempt the child of God. We can overcome him by yielding ourselves unreservedly to God. The Psalmist once cried out to a bewildered people, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof" (Psalm 46:1, 2).

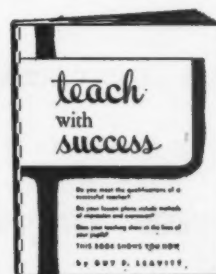
Pray to stand firm for God regardless of any trial.

Saturday, September 13

Scripture, Isaiah 6:1

Vision dominates life. If we would live the greater life we must keep a vision of God's holiness. A holy God demands a holy people. Through faith we look beyond the present and accept the blessings of God. We are pilgrims and strangers here. This world is not our home. Our eternal inheritance is reserved in heaven for us and soon we shall go to our reward. The heart that anchors itself in the promises of God until those promises become real will have strong faith. Often God must remove the natural human props so we will lean heavily upon Him. Our religious life may seem like a blizzard has swept across it in moments of this kind, but then we must house ourselves completely in God. Long delayed answers to prayers serve to purify our faith from everything spasmodic or whimsical.

Pray for active faith in your life.



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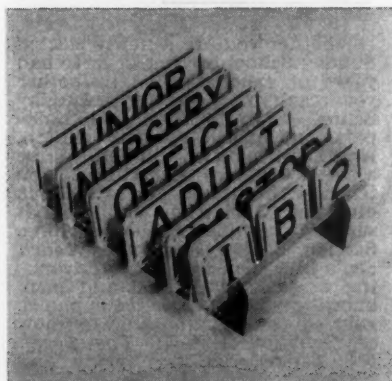
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